

The national strategy for Finland's space activities in 2013-2020 – to space through Europe, global benefits and prosperity to Finland from space activities

The Finnish Space Committee appointed by the Ministry of Employment and the Economy guides the Finnish publicly funded space activities. In 2012 the committee formulated the Finnish space strategy under the heading: "The national strategy for Finland's space activities in 2013-2020 – to space through Europe, global benefits and prosperity to Finland from space activities".

The strategy presents the main objectives for the publicly funded space activities. They are in the areas where Finland is most active: space science, earth observation, global positioning, satellite telecommunications and space industries. The objectives of the strategy focus on applications that are important to society.

The strategy fosters the development of a few large spearhead actions aiming to raise the level of the chosen activities to the world's top level by the year 2020. The key development objectives are:

- Developing space-based applications that respond to the growing demands of the Arctic area relating to e.g. natural resources, climate change, security, and the environment in research, the creation of public sector operational services and commercial services.
- Fostering services based on open data to be utilized nationally and in export: These services include intelligent transport, location-based business based on earth observations, and applications based on large volumes of open data.
- Raising the level and societal impact of scientific research based to a large degree on the ESA's and EU's programs.
- Advancing the specialization of the space industry and its applications development to tackle tightening competition.

Implementation of the strategy is defined, guided and monitored by the Finnish Space Committee.

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